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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Elli Peselev	1623	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 May 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Claims 1-18 and 20-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. "spray granulated with a least one carrier selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol or cellulose" (claim 1) and "carrier selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol and cellulose.... with the carrier covering the ivermectin" (claim 21) is not disclosed or suggested by the specification, as originally filed.

Applicant's arguments filed May 23, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant contends that the support for the rejected terminology is found in paragraphs 0027, 0028 and 0029 and Examples 1-4 of the specification. However, note that paragraphs 0027, 0028 and 0029 while providing support for "spray granulation" do not provide support spray granulating with polyethylene glycol or cellulose. Examples 1-2 disclose ivermectin/polyethylene glycol/citrate buffer solutions being sprayed, rinse citrate buffer being sprayed and continuing granulation by spraying purified water. Examples 3-4 disclose spraying granulation of ivermectin by spraying it with ethanol. The examples do not show spray granulating avermectin with polyethylene glycol or cellulose but show spray granulating a mixture of ivermectin and polyethylene glycol or cellulose.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mihalik (U.S. Patent No. 6,340,672) for the reasons set forth in the Office Action of February 23, 2006.

Applicant's arguments filed May 23, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant contends that it is not obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to select tetrahydropyrimidine, hexahydropyrazinoisoquinoline and avermectin out of the 28 parasitical agents listed in Mihalik. This argument has not been found persuasive because Mihalik discloses that any combination of parasitical agents is suitable. Mihalik also discloses that ivermectin is available in a chewable form (column 1, lines 25-29). The declaration by Ian Cottrell shows that the presence of two antiparasitic agents, praziquantel and pyrantel pamoate, ivermectin decreased about 10.3% from its initial assay. However, the declaration fails to show that there is no degradation of avermectin in the presence of tetrahydropyrimidine, a hexahydropyrazinoisoquinoline, a benzimidazole or a probenzimidazole as set forth in claim 19.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

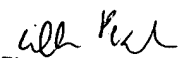
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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elli Peshev whose telephone number is (571) 272-0659. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00-4.30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shaojia Jiang can be reached on (571) 272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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